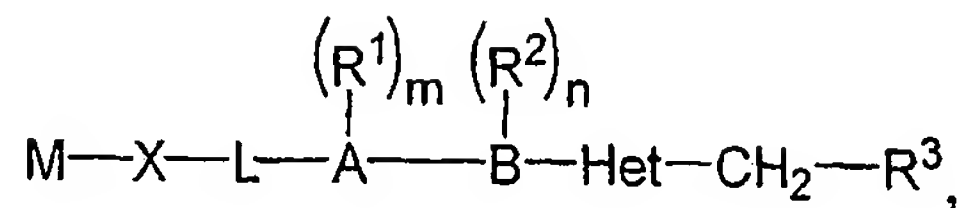


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A compound having the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof, wherein:

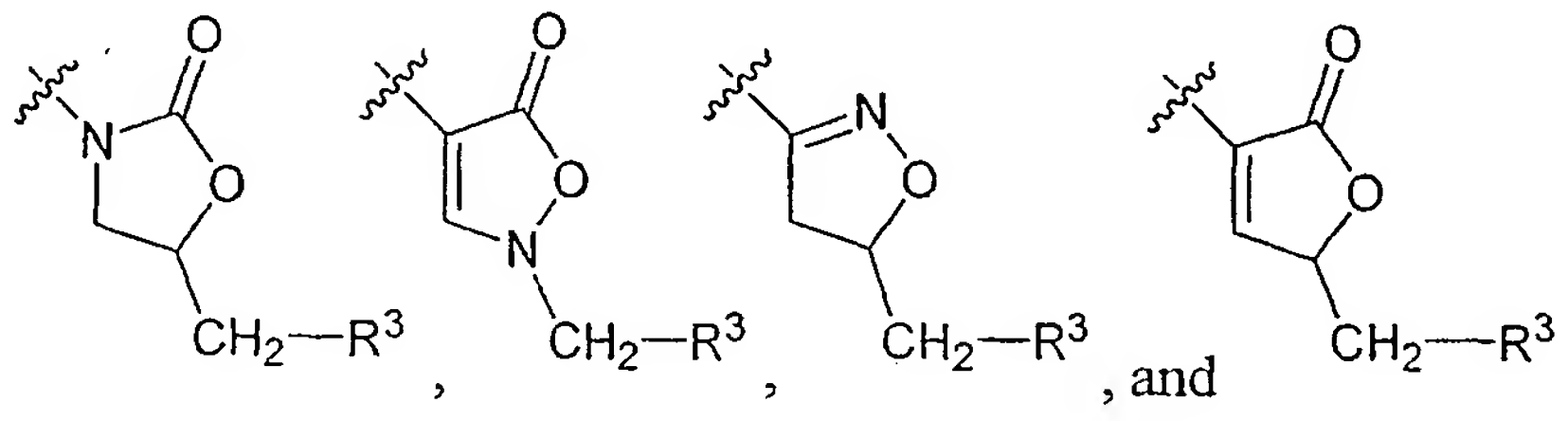
A is selected from the group consisting of:

phenyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, and pyridazinyl;

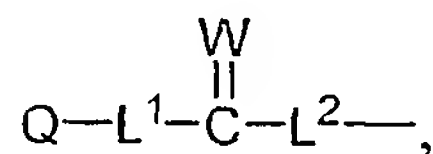
B is selected from the group consisting of:

phenyl, pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, and pyridazinyl;

Het-CH₂-R³ is selected from the group consisting of:



M has the formula:



wherein

L¹ is a bond or C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more R⁴ groups;

L² is a bond or C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more R⁴ groups;

Q is selected from the group consisting of:

a) H, b) -NR⁴R⁴, c) -OR⁴, and d) C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more R⁴ groups; and

W is selected from the group consisting of O and S;

X is selected from the group consisting of:

a) -NR⁴-, b) -NR⁴NR⁴-, and c) -S-;

23 L is C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more R⁴ groups;

24 R¹, at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

25 a) F, b) Cl, c) Br, d) I, e) -CF₃, f) -OR⁷, g) -CN, h) -NO₂, i) -NR⁷R⁷, j) -C(O)R⁷,
 26 k) -C(O)OR⁷, l) -OC(O)R⁷, m) -C(O)NR⁷R⁷, n) -NR⁷C(O)R⁷, o) -OC(O)NR⁷R⁷,
 27 p) -NR⁷C(O)OR⁷, q) -NR⁷C(O)NR⁷R⁷, r) -C(S)R⁷, s) -C(S)OR⁷, t) -OC(S)R⁷,
 28 u) -C(S)NR⁷R⁷, v) -NR⁷C(S)R⁷, w) -OC(S)NR⁷R⁷, x) -NR⁷C(S)OR⁷,
 29 y) -NR⁷C(S)NR⁷R⁷, z) -C(NR⁷)R⁷, aa) -C(NR⁷)OR⁷, bb) -OC(NR⁷)R⁷,
 30 cc) -C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, dd) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)R⁷, ee) -OC(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷,
 31 ff) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)OR⁷, gg) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, hh) -S(O)_pR⁷, ii) -SO₂NR⁷R⁷, and
 32 jj) R⁷;

33 R², at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

34 a) F, b) Cl, c) Br, d) I, e) -CF₃, f) -OR⁷, g) -CN, h) -NO₂, i) -NR⁷R⁷, j) -C(O)R⁷,
 35 k) -C(O)OR⁷, l) -OC(O)R⁷, m) -C(O)NR⁷R⁷, n) -NR⁷C(O)R⁷, o) -OC(O)NR⁷R⁷,
 36 p) -NR⁷C(O)OR⁷, q) -NR⁷C(O)NR⁷R⁷, r) -C(S)R⁷, s) -C(S)OR⁷, t) -OC(S)R⁷,
 37 u) -C(S)NR⁷R⁷, v) -NR⁷C(S)R⁷, w) -OC(S)NR⁷R⁷, x) -NR⁷C(S)OR⁷,
 38 y) -NR⁷C(S)NR⁷R⁷, z) -C(NR⁷)R⁷, aa) -C(NR⁷)OR⁷, bb) -OC(NR⁷)R⁷,
 39 cc) -C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, dd) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)R⁷, ee) -OC(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷,
 40 ff) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)OR⁷, gg) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, hh) -S(O)_pR⁷, ii) -SO₂NR⁷R⁷, and
 41 jj) R⁷;

42 R³ is selected from the group consisting of:

43 a) -OR⁷, b) -NR⁷R⁷, c) -C(O)R⁷, d) -C(O)OR⁷, e) -OC(O)R⁷, f) -C(O)NR⁷R⁷,
 44 g) -NR⁷C(O)R⁷, h) -OC(O)NR⁷R⁷, i) -NR⁷C(O)OR⁷, j) -NR⁷C(O)NR⁷R⁷,
 45 k) -C(S)R⁷, l) -C(S)OR⁷, m) -OC(S)R⁷, n) -C(S)NR⁷R⁷, o) -NR⁷C(S)R⁷,
 46 p) -OC(S)NR⁷R⁷, q) -NR⁷C(S)OR⁷, r) -NR⁷C(S)NR⁷R⁷, s) -C(NR⁷)R⁷,
 47 t) -C(NR⁷)OR⁷, u) -OC(NR⁷)R⁷, v) -C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, w) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)R⁷,
 48 x) -OC(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, y) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)OR⁷, z) -NR⁷C(NR⁷)NR⁷R⁷, aa) -S(O)_pR⁷,
 49 bb) -SO₂NR⁷R⁷, and cc) R⁷;

50 R⁴, at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

51 a) H, b) =O, c) =S, d) =NR⁵, e) =NOR⁵, f) =N-NR⁵R⁵, g) -OR⁵, h) -NO₂, i) -NR⁵R⁵,
 52 j) -C(O)R⁵, k) -C(O)OR⁵, l) -OC(O)R⁵, m) -C(O)NR⁵R⁵, n) -NR⁵C(O)R⁵,
 53 o) -OC(O)NR⁵R⁵, p) -NR⁵C(O)OR⁵, q) -NR⁵C(O)NR⁵R⁵, r) -C(S)R⁵,

54 s) $-C(S)OR^5$, t) $-OC(S)R^5$, u) $-C(S)NR^5R^5$, v) $-NR^5C(S)R^5$, w) $-OC(S)NR^5R^5$,
 55 x) $-NR^5C(S)OR^5$, y) $-NR^5C(S)NR^5R^5$, z) $-C(NR^5)R^5$, aa) $-C(NR^5)OR^5$,
 56 bb) $-OC(NR^5)R^5$, cc) $-C(NR^5)NR^5R^5$, dd) $-NR^5C(NR^5)R^5$, ee) $-OC(NR^5)NR^5R^5$,
 57 ff) $-NR^5C(NR^5)OR^5$, gg) $-NR^5C(NR^5)NR^5R^5$, hh) $-S(O)_pR^5$, and ii) R^5 ;

58 R^5 , at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

59 a) H, b) C_{1-6} alkyl, c) $-C(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, and d) $-C(O)O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl,

60 wherein any of b) – d) optionally is substituted with one or more R^6 groups;

61 R^6 , at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

62 a) $-OH$, b) $-OC_{1-6}$ alkyl, c) $-SH$, d) $-NO_2$, e) $-NH_2$, f) $-NHC_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 63 g) $-N(C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl})_2$, h) $-C(O)H$, i) $-C(O)OH$, j) $-C(O)C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 64 k) $-OC(O)C_{1-6}$ alkyl, l) $-C(O)OC_{1-6}$ alkyl, m) $-C(O)NH_2$, n) $-C(O)NHC_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 65 o) $-C(O)N(C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl})_2$, p) $-NHC(O)C_{1-6}$ alkyl, and q) $-S(O)_pC_{1-6}$ alkyl;

66 R^7 , at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

67 a) H, b) C_{1-6} alkyl, c) C_{2-6} alkenyl, d) C_{2-6} alkynyl, e) C_{3-14} saturated, unsaturated, or
 68 aromatic carbocycle, f) 3-14 membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic
 69 heterocycle comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting
 70 of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur, g) $-C(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, h) $-C(O)-C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,
 71 i) $-C(O)-C_{2-6}$ alkynyl, j) $-C(O)-C_{3-14}$ saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic carbocycle,
 72 k) $-C(O)-3-14$ membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic heterocycle comprising
 73 one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen,
 74 and sulfur, l) $-C(O)O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, m) $-C(O)O-C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,
 75 n) $-C(O)O-C_{2-6}$ alkynyl, o) $-C(O)O-C_{3-14}$ saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic
 76 carbocycle, and p) $-C(O)O-3-14$ membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic
 77 heterocycle comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting
 78 of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur,

79 wherein any of b) – p) optionally is substituted with one or more R^8 groups;

80 R^8 , at each occurrence, is independently selected from the group consisting of:

81 a) F, b) Cl, c) Br, d) I, e) $=O$, f) $=S$, g) $=NR^9$, h) $=NOR^9$, i) $=N-NR^9R^9$, j) $-CF_3$, k) $-$
 82 OR^9 , l) $-CN$, m) $-NO_2$, n) $-NR^9R^9$, o) $-C(O)R^9$, p) $-C(O)OR^9$, q) $-OC(O)R^9$,
 83 r) $-C(O)NR^9R^9$, s) $-NR^9C(O)R^9$, t) $-OC(O)NR^9R^9$, u) $-NR^9C(O)OR^9$,
 84 v) $-NR^9C(O)NR^9R^9$, w) $-C(S)R^9$, x) $-C(S)OR^9$, y) $-OC(S)R^9$, z) $-C(S)NR^9R^9$,
 85 aa) $-NR^9C(S)R^9$, bb) $-OC(S)NR^9R^9$, cc) $-NR^9C(S)OR^9$, dd) $-NR^9C(S)NR^9R^9$,

86 ee) $-C(NR^9)R^9$, ff) $-C(NR^9)OR^9$, gg) $-OC(NR^9)R^9$, hh) $-C(NR^9)NR^9R^9$,
 87 ii) $-NR^9C(NR^9)R^9$, jj) $-OC(NR^9)NR^9R^9$, kk) $-NR^9C(NR^9)OR^9$,
 88 ll) $-NR^9C(NR^9)NR^9R^9$, mm) $-S(O)_pR^9$, nn) $-SO_2NR^9R^9$, and oo) R^9 ;

89 R^9 , at each occurrence, independently is selected from the group consisting of:

90 a) H, b) C_{1-6} alkyl, c) C_{2-6} alkenyl, d) C_{2-6} alkynyl, e) C_{3-14} saturated, unsaturated, or
 91 aromatic carbocycle, f) 3-14 membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic
 92 heterocycle comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting
 93 of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur, g) $-C(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, h) $-C(O)-C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,
 94 i) $-C(O)-C_{2-6}$ alkynyl, j) $-C(O)-C_{3-14}$ saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic carbocycle,
 95 k) $-C(O)-3-14$ membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic heterocycle comprising
 96 one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen,
 97 and sulfur, l) $-C(O)O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, m) $-C(O)O-C_{2-6}$ alkenyl,
 98 n) $-C(O)O-C_{2-6}$ alkynyl, o) $-C(O)O-C_{3-14}$ saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic
 99 carbocycle, and p) $-C(O)O-3-14$ membered saturated, unsaturated, or aromatic
 100 heterocycle comprising one or more heteroatoms selected from the group consisting
 101 of nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur,

102 wherein any of b) – p) optionally is substituted with one or more moieties
 103 selected from the group consisting of:

104 a) F, b) Cl, c) Br, d) I, e) $-CF_3$, f) $-OH$, g) $-OC_{1-6}$ alkyl, h) $-SH$,
 105 i) $-SC_{1-6}$ alkyl, j) $-CN$, k) $-NO_2$, l) $-NH_2$, m) $-NHC_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 106 n) $-N(C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl})_2$, o) $-C(O)C_{1-6}$ alkyl, p) $-OC(O)C_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 107 q) $-C(O)OC_{1-6}$ alkyl, r) $-C(O)NH_2$, s) $-C(O)NHC_{1-6}$ alkyl,
 108 t) $-C(O)N(C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl})_2$, u) $-NHC(O)C_{1-6}$ alkyl, v) $-SO_2NH_2-$,
 109 w) $-SO_2NHC_{1-6}$ alkyl, x) $-SO_2N(C_{1-6} \text{ alkyl})_2$, and
 110 y) $-S(O)_pC_{1-6}$ alkyl;

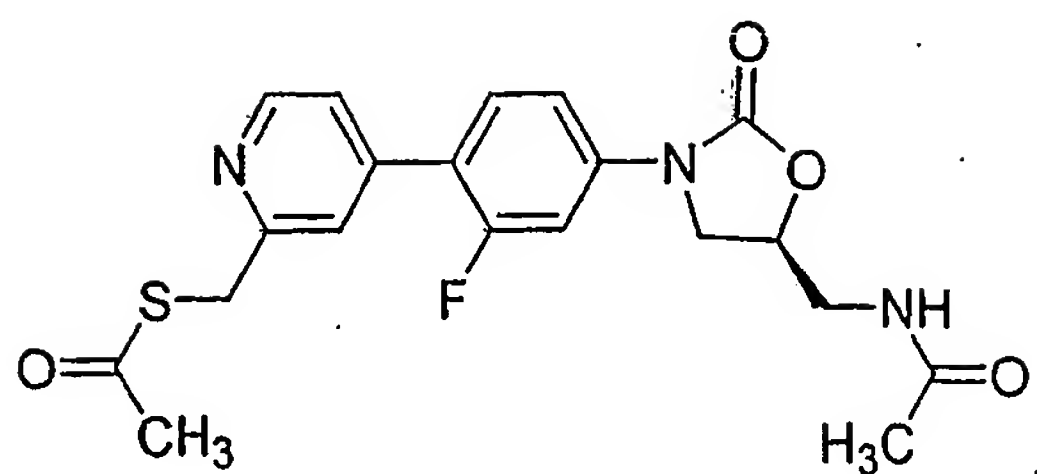
111 m is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

112 n is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4; and

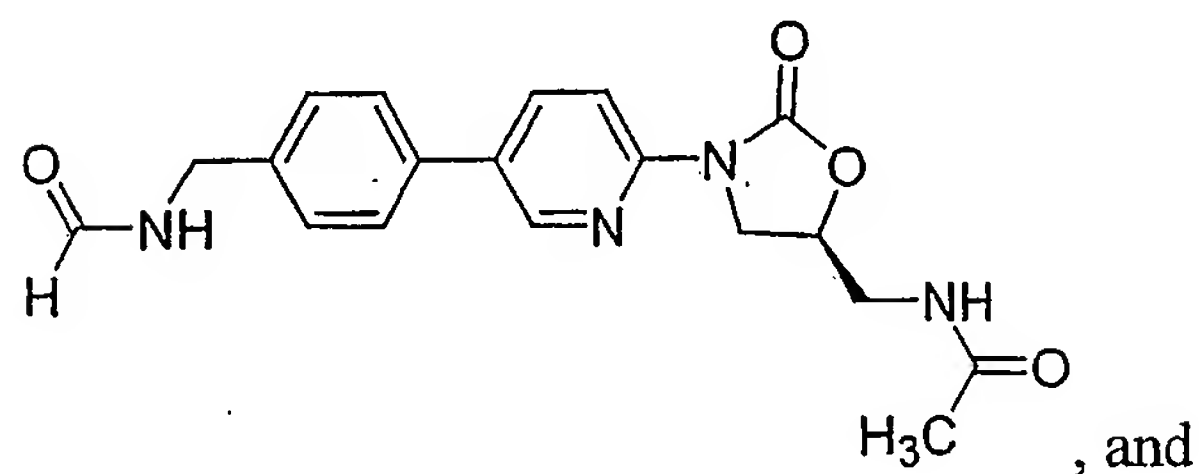
113 p, at each occurrence, independently is 0, 1, or 2,

114 and wherein the compound does not have the formula selected from the group consisting

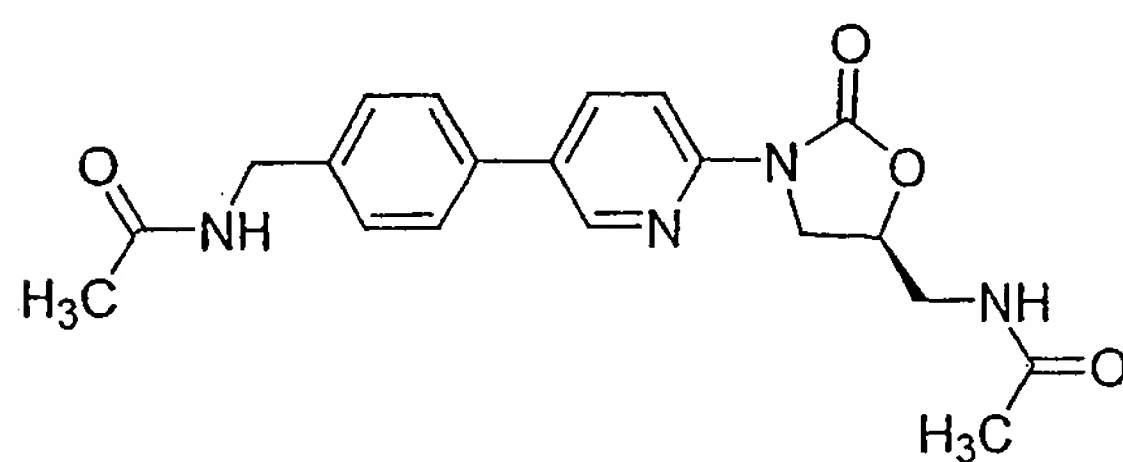
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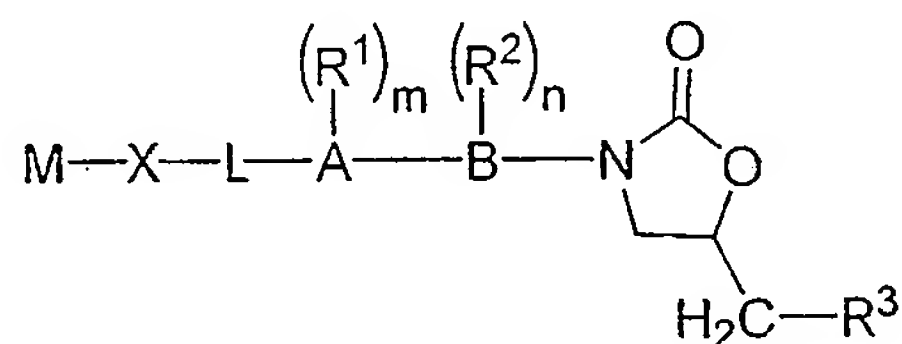


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2. The compound according to claim 1, having the formula:

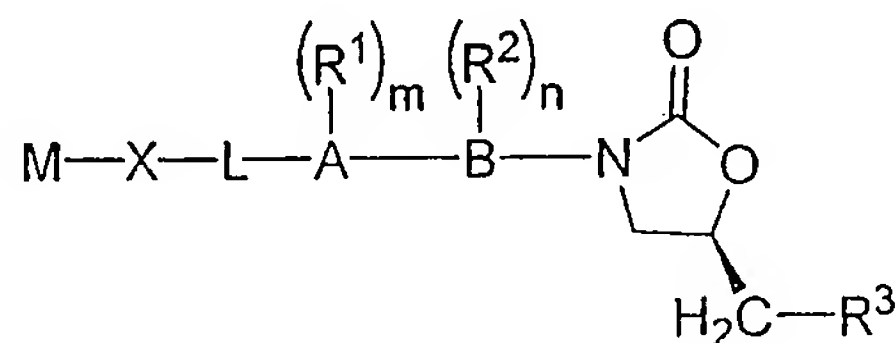


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- or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

- wherein A, B, L, M, R¹, R², R³, X, m, and n are defined as described in claim 1.

3. The compound according to claim 1 or 2, having the formula:



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- or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

- wherein A, B, L, M, R¹, R², R³, X, m, and n are defined as described in claim 1.

4. The compound according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein

- A is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridyl;

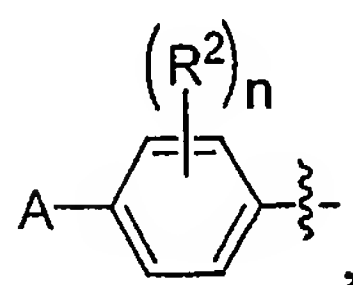
- B is selected from the group consisting of phenyl and pyridyl;

- m is 0, 1, or 2; and

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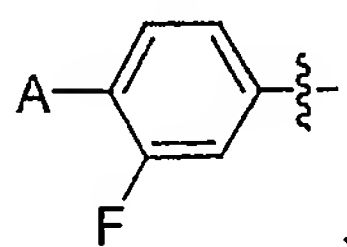
5 n is 0, 1, or 2.

1 5. The compound according to any one of claims 1-4, wherein A-B is:



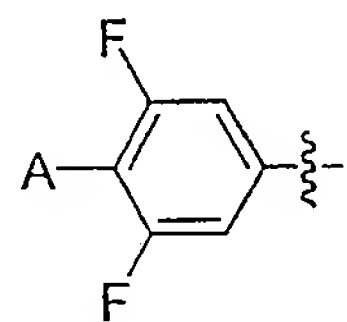
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3 wherein A, R², and n are defined as described in claim 1.

1 6. The compound according to claim 5, wherein A-B is:



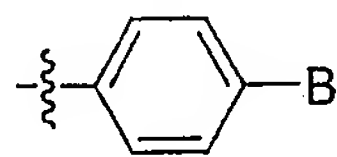
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3 wherein A is defined as described in claim 1.

1 7. The compound according to claim 5, wherein A-B is:



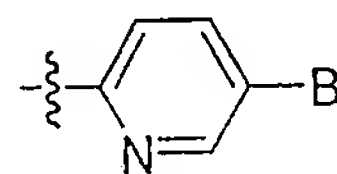
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3 wherein A is defined as described in claim 1.

1 8. The compound according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein A-B is:



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3 wherein B is defined as described in claim 1.

1 9. The compound according to any one of claims 1-7, wherein A-B is:

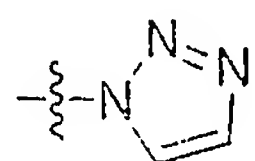


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3 wherein B is defined as described in claim 1.

1 10. The compound according to any one of claims 1-9, wherein R³ is -NHC(O)R⁷.

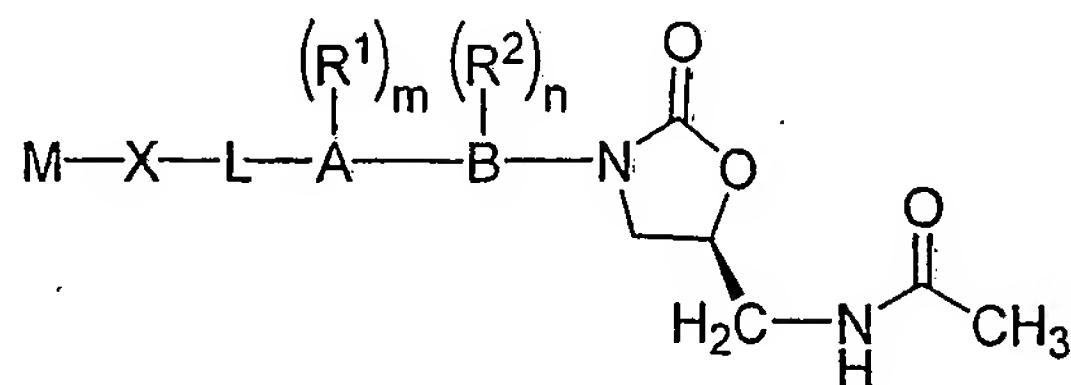
1 11. The compound according to claim 10, wherein R³ is -NHC(O)CH₃.

1 12. The compound according to any one of claims 1-9, wherein R³ is:



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1 13. The compound according to claim 1 or 2, having the formula:

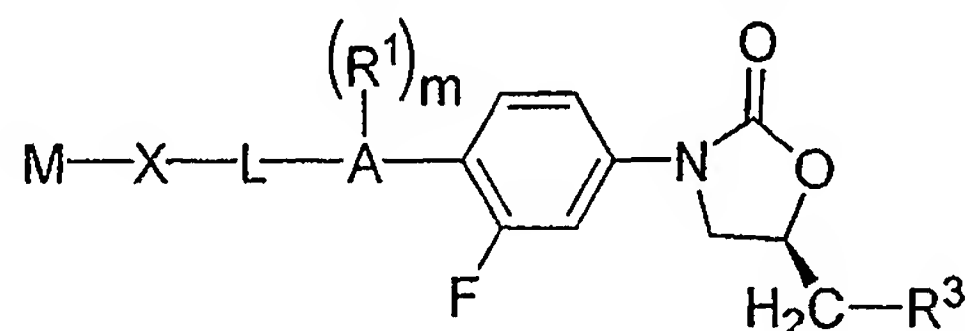


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3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

4 wherein A, B, L, M, R¹, R², X, m, and n are defined as described in claim 1:

1 14. The compound according to claim 1 or 2, having the formula:

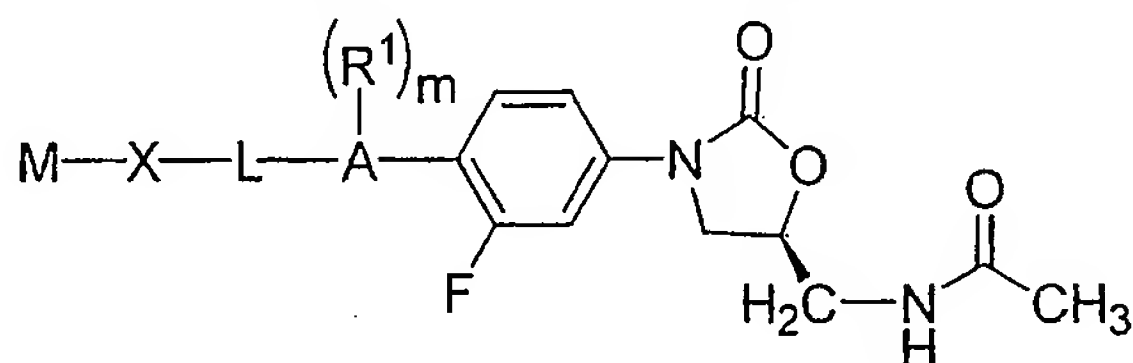


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3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

4 wherein A, L, M, R¹, R³, X, and m are defined as described in claim 1.

1 15. The compound according to claim 14, having the formula:

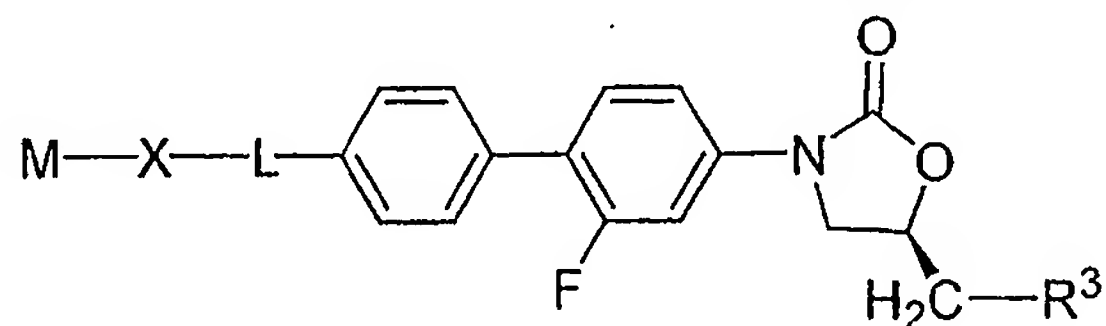


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3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

4 wherein A, L, M, R¹, X, and m are defined as described in claim 1.

1 16. The compound according to claim 14, having the formula:

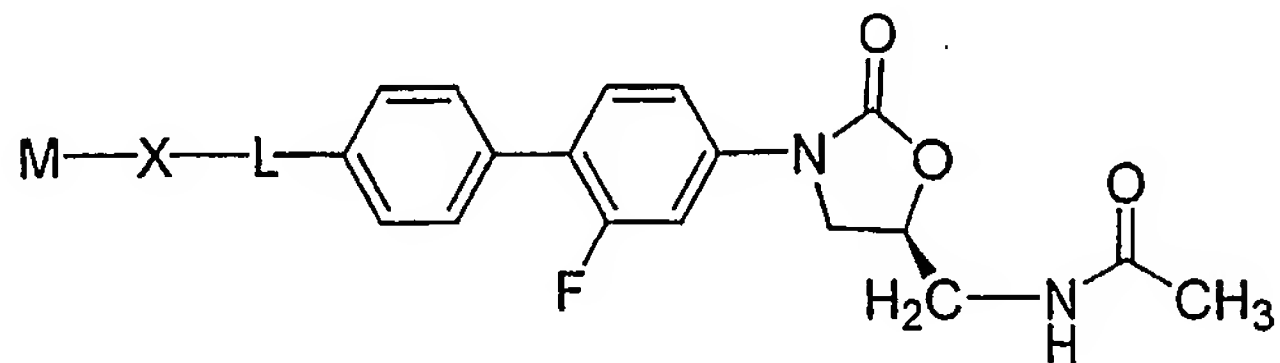


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3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

4 wherein L, M, R³, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

1 17. The compound according to claim 16, having the formula:

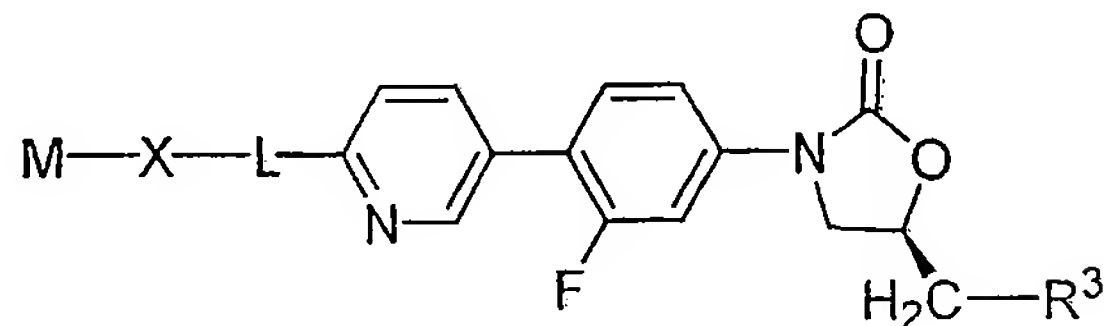


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3 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

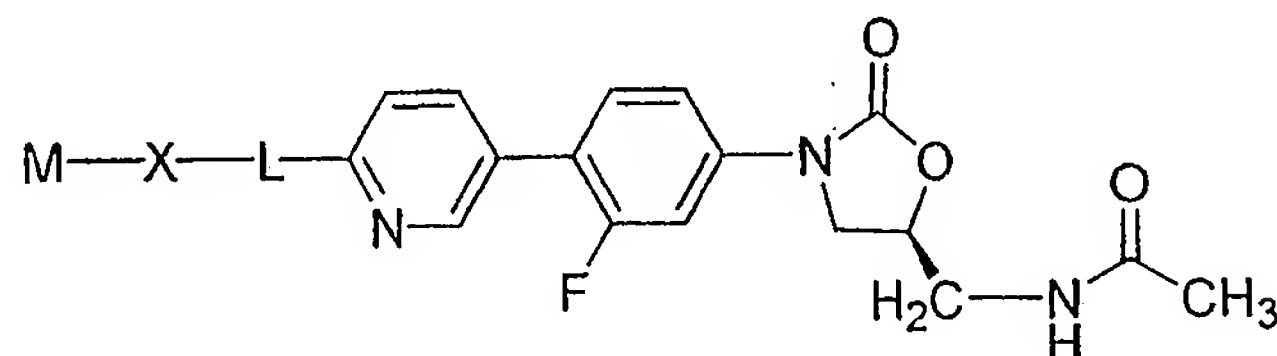
wherein L, M, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

18. The compound according to claim 14, having the formula:



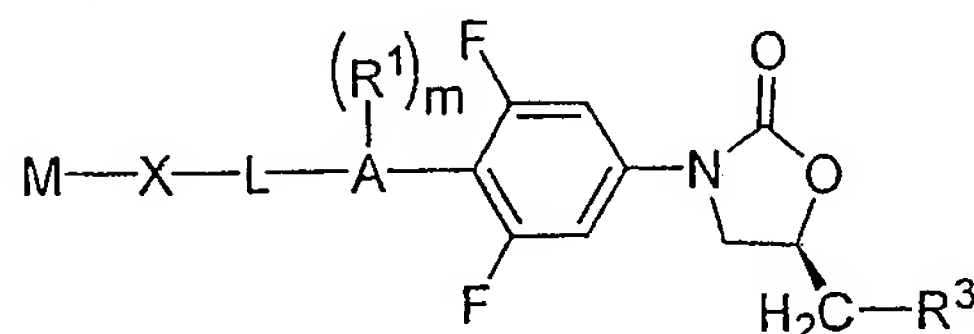
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,
wherein L, M, R³, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

19. The compound according to claim 18, having the formula:



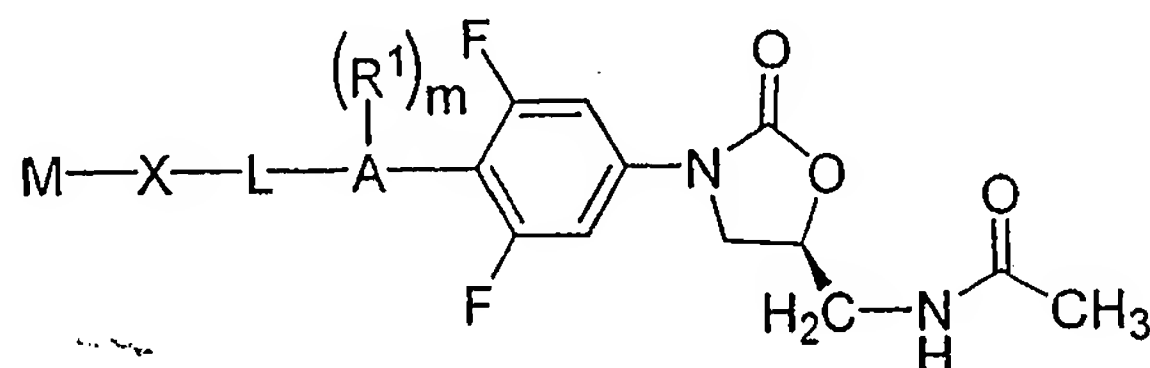
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,
wherein L, M, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

20. The compound according to claim 1 or 2, having the formula:



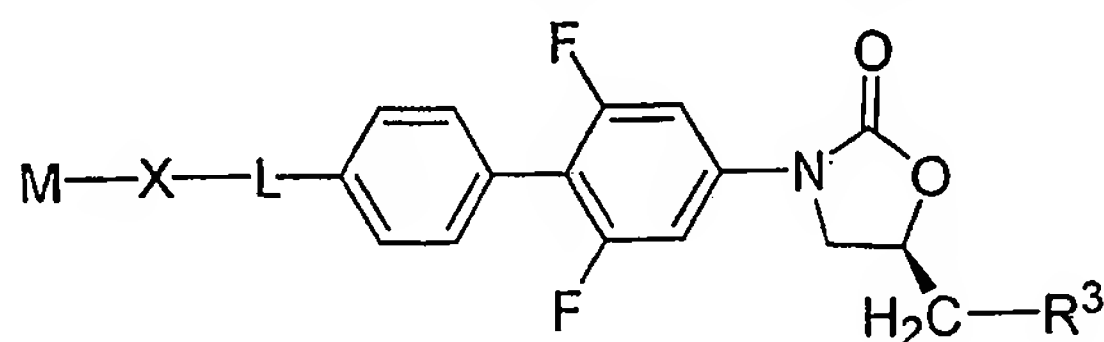
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,
wherein A, L, M, R¹, R³, X, and m are defined as described in claim 1.

21. The compound according to claim 20, having the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,
wherein A, L, M, R¹, X, and m are defined as described in claim 1.

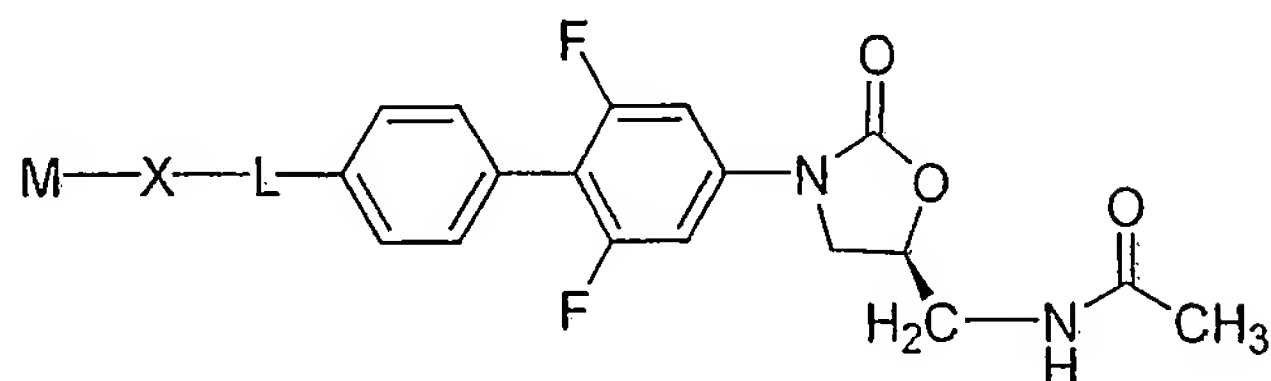
22. The compound according to claim 20, having the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

wherein L, M, R³, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

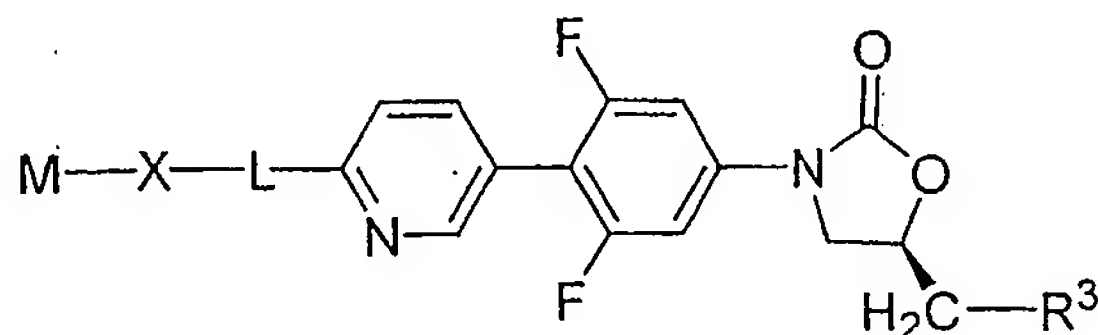
23. The compound according to claim 22, having the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

wherein L, M, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

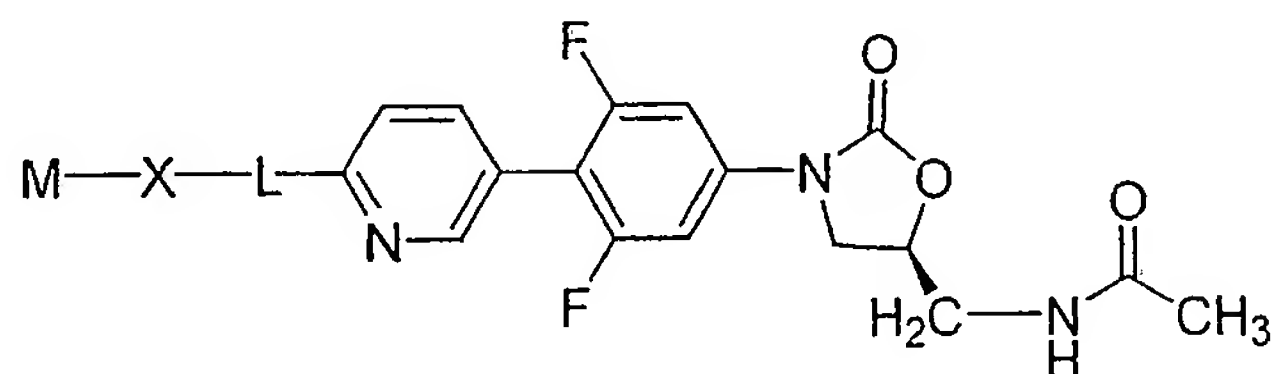
24. The compound according to claim 20, having the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

wherein L, M, R³, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

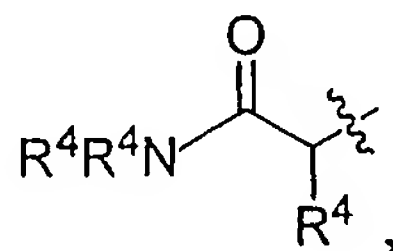
25. The compound according to claim 24, having the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester or prodrug thereof,

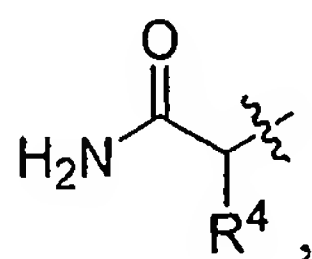
wherein L, M, and X are defined as described in claim 1.

26. The compound according to any one of claims 1-25, wherein M is:



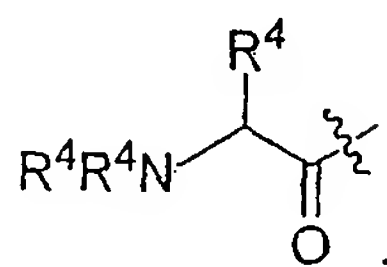
and R⁴, at each occurrence, independently is defined as described in claim 1.

27. The compound according to claim 26, wherein M is:



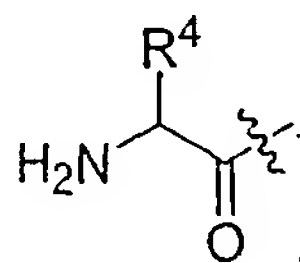
and R^4 is defined as described in claim 1.

28. The compound according to any one of claims 1-25, wherein M is:



and R^4 , at each occurrence, independently is defined as described in claim 1.

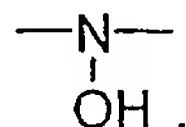
29. The compound according to claim 28, wherein M is:



and R^4 is defined as described in claim 1.

30. The compound according to any one of claims 1-29, wherein X is $-NH-$.

31. The compound according to any one of claims 1-29, wherein X is:



32. A compound having the structure corresponding to any one of the structures listed in Table 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or prodrug thereof.

33. A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more compounds according to any one of claims 1-32 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

34. A method of treating a microbial infection in a mammal comprising the step of administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any one of claims 1-32.

35. A method of treating a fungal infection in a mammal comprising the step of administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any one of claims 1-32.

36. A method of treating a parasitic disease in a mammal comprising the step of administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any one of claims 1-32.

1 37. A method of treating a proliferative disease in a mammal comprising the step of
2 administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any
3 one of claims 1-32.

1 38. A method of treating a viral infection in a mammal comprising the step of administering
2 to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any one of claims
3 1-32.

1 39. A method of treating an inflammatory disease in a mammal comprising the step of
2 administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any
3 one of claims 1-32.

1 40. A method of treating a gastrointestinal motility disorder in a mammal comprising the step
2 of administering to the mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any
3 one of claims 1-32.

1 41. A method of treating a disorder in a mammal comprising the step of administering to the
2 mammal an effective amount of one or more compounds according to any one of claims 1-32
3 thereby to ameliorate a symptom of the disorder, wherein the disorder is selected from the group
4 consisting of:

5 a skin infection, nosocomial pneumonia, post-viral pneumonia, an abdominal infection, a
6 urinary tract infection, bacteremia, septicemia, endocarditis, an atrio-ventricular shunt
7 infection, a vascular access infection, meningitis, surgical prophylaxis, a peritoneal
8 infection, a bone infection, a joint infection, a methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
9 infection, a vancomycin-resistant *Enterococci* infection, a linezolid-resistant organism
10 infection, and tuberculosis.

1 42. The method according to any one of claims 34-41, wherein the compound is administered
2 orally, parentally, or topically.

1 43. A method of synthesizing a compound according to any one of claims 1-32.

1 44. A medical device containing one or more compounds according to any one of claims
2 1-32.

1 45. The medical device according to claim 44, wherein the device is a stent.

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